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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 JESUS ESCOCHEA, ) 2:16-cv-00271 JFW (JEMx)  
10 Plaintiff, ) *[Assigned to the Hon. John F. Walter,*  
11 ) *Courtroom 7A]*  
12 vs. ) )  
13 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; ) ) [PROPOSED] AMENDED JOINT  
14 RONALD SERGEANT VALDIVIA, in ) Complaint Filed: 1/13/16  
15 his individual and official capacity; )  
16 STEVE COOLEY, in his official ) Trial Date: 4/4/17  
17 capacity; JACKIE LACEY, in her )  
18 official capacity; KEITH )  
19 KAUFFMAN, in his individual and )  
20 official capacity; and THE CITY OF )  
HAWTHORNE, )  
Defendants. )  
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22 TO THE COURT, ALL PARTIES, AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

23 The First Amended Complaint of Plaintiff JESUS ESCOCHEA (“Plaintiff”)  
24 against Defendants COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (“County”) and RONALD  
25 VALDIVIA (“Valdivia”) was filed on March 25, 2016.

26 On January 19, 2017, during the first Final Pretrial Conference, the Court  
27 granted Plaintiff’s Motion to Dismiss the following causes of action of the First

1 Amended Complaint: Third Cause of Action for Tort In Se against Defendants  
2 County and Valdivia; Fourth Cause of Action for Negligence against Valdivia; and  
3 Fifth Cause of Action for Negligence against the County.

4 On February 28, 2017, subsequent to a telephonic conference between the  
5 Court and all counsel for the parties, the Court ordered the parties to file a stipulation  
6 and proposed order dismissing Plaintiff's First Amendment Claim under 42 U.S.C. §  
7 1983 against Valdivia. On March 3, 2017, the Court approved the stipulation of the  
8 parties dismissing Plaintiff's claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 based upon an alleged  
9 violation of the First Amendment.

10 On April 4, 2017, Plaintiff's 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claim based upon a violation of  
11 the Fourth Amendment came regularly to trial before the Honorable John F. Walter.  
12 Plaintiff was represented by attorneys Philip K. Cohen and Thomas M. Ferlauto.  
13 Defendant Valdivia was represented by Tomas A. Guterres and Lisa L. Peterson of  
14 Collins, Collins, Muir + Stewart, LLP. There were no other appearances. A jury was  
15 empaneled and sworn. Opening statements were made. Witnesses were called, sworn  
16 and testified. Exhibits were identified and admitted. On April 5, 2017, the parties  
17 rested, and closing arguments were made. The Bailiff was sworn, and the jury was  
18 instructed. The jury retired to deliberate and returned a unanimous Jury Verdict in  
19 favor of Plaintiff.

20 The verdict was read and filed. The Jury was polled and the individual juror  
21 responses were consistent with the Jury Verdict.

22 Based upon the verdict of the jury, and the Court's Orders dated January 19,  
23 2017, February 28, 2017, and May 18, 2017, IT IS NOW ORDERED, ADJUDGED,  
24 AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

25 As to Escochea's 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claim against Valdivia based upon a  
26 violation of the Fourth Amendment, judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff and  
27 against Valdivia in the amount of TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED

1 DOLLARS (\$12,500), plus costs in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and attorney's fees  
2 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

3 On May 18, 2017, the Court granted County's motion for summary judgment  
4 filed on May 8, 2017, after Plaintiff did not file an opposition. Accordingly, as to  
5 Plaintiff's 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claim against the County, judgment is entered in favor of  
6 the County and against Plaintiff. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, costs are awarded in  
7 favor of the County in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and attorney's fees in  
8 favor of the County in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

12 Hon. John F. Walter, judge presiding

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1 Approved as to form and content:

2 DATED: May 31, 2017 The Law Office Of Thomas M. Ferlauto, APC

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16 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES and  
17 RONALD VALDIVIA

**PROOF OF SERVICE**  
**(CCP §§ 1013(a) and 2015.5; FRCP 5)**

State of California, )  
 ) ss.  
County of Orange. )

I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 750 The City Drive, Suite 400, Orange, California 92868.

On **this date**, I served the foregoing document described as [PROPOSED] AMENDED JOINT JUDGMENT on the interested parties in this action by placing same in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

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Executed on May 31, 2017 at Orange, California.

**(STATE)** - I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

**(FEDERAL)** - I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

  
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